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SYNOPSIS

Requires development and maintenance of data dashboard report to advise of open bed availability in residential facilities providing behavioral health services.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning information about the availability of beds in
2 certain residential facilities and supplementing Title 30 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in
9 the Department of Human Services shall oversee the development and
10 maintenance of a data dashboard report, which shall collect and track
11 the daily information received pursuant to section 2 of this act about
12 the number of open beds that are available for treatment for
13 individuals in need of mental health or substance use disorder
14 treatment in each facility in the State that is licensed to provide:

15 (1) long term or extended care services for mental health or
16 substance use disorders and receives State or county funding,
17 including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility, psychiatric unit of a
18 general hospital, short-term care facility, and special psychiatric
19 hospital, as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116
20 (C.30:4-27.2), and a residential health care facility as defined in
21 section 1 of P.L.1953, c.212 (C.30:11A-1); or

22 (2) acute or intermediate level of care services for mental health or
23 a substance use disorder and receives State or county funding,
24 including, but not limited to, a psychiatric facility, psychiatric unit of a
25 general hospital, short-term care facility, and special psychiatric
26 hospital, as those terms are defined in section 2 of P.L.1987, c.116
27 (C.30:4-27.2).

28 b. The information maintained in the data dashboard report shall
29 include, by county:

30 (1) the address and telephone number of the facility;

31 (2) the type of services provided by the facility;

32 (3) the licensed bed capacity of the facility; and

33 (4) the number of open beds that are available for the provision of
34 mental health or substance use disorder services, based on the
35 information received pursuant to section 2 of this act.

36 c. The information described in subsection b. of this section shall
37 be:

38 (1) prominently displayed on the website of the department;

39 (2) made available to the public, upon request, through the
40 Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system; and

41 (3) made available using any other means that the Commissioner
42 of Human Services deems appropriate.

43 d. The commissioner is authorized to solicit, receive, and accept
44 grants, funds, or anything of value from any public or private entity
45 and receive and accept contributions of money, property, labor, or any
46 other thing of value from any legitimate source for the purpose of the
47 development and maintenance of a data dashboard report pursuant to
48 this act.

1 2. Each facility in the State that is licensed to provide mental
2 health or substance use disorder services, as provided for in section
3 1 of this act, and receives State or county funding shall submit to
4 the data dashboard report, no less than once a day, information
5 advising of the number of open beds that are available for the
6 provision of mental health or substance use disorder services on that
7 day.

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9 3. a. The division shall convene a workgroup which shall
10 include, at a minimum, one representative from each of the following
11 organizations:

- 12 (1) the New Jersey Hospital Association;
13 (2) the New Jersey Chapter of the American College of Emergency
14 Physicians;
15 (3) the Health Care Association of New Jersey;
16 (4) LeadingAge New Jersey; and
17 (5) other stakeholders as the division deems appropriate.

18 b. The workgroup shall assist the division and the department in
19 the monitoring of the data reporting requirements as provided for in
20 section 2 of this act, including, but not limited to the following
21 parameters:

- 22 (1) definitions of all data elements;
23 (2) protocols for data reporting;
24 (3) qualifications of a person who submits data pursuant to section
25 2 of this act;
26 (4) facility compliance with the provisions of this act;
27 (5) development of a "real-time" reporting mechanism; and
28 (6) any other area of interest that the workgroup deems
29 appropriate.

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31 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
32 next following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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37 This bill requires the development and maintenance of a data
38 dashboard report, which is to collect and track daily information
39 about the number of open beds that are available in facilities in the
40 State for individuals in need of mental health or substance use
41 disorder treatment. The bill defines these facilities to include
42 facilities which provide long term or extended care services or acute
43 or intermediate level of care services and receive State or county
44 funding, including, but not limited to, those facilities licensed in the
45 State as: a psychiatric facility (a State or county psychiatric hospital
46 or psychiatric unit of a county hospital); psychiatric unit of a
47 general hospital (an inpatient unit restricting services to care of
48 voluntarily admitted persons with mental illness); a short-term care

1 facility (an inpatient, community-based facility providing acute care
2 and assessment services); a special psychiatric facility, (a public or
3 private hospital which provides voluntary and involuntary mental
4 health services); and a residential health care facility.

5 The bill requires that the information in the data dashboard
6 report be prominently displayed on the website of the Department
7 of Human Services (DHS), made available to the public, upon
8 request, through the Statewide 2-1-1- telephone system, and made
9 available using any other means the Commissioner of Human
10 Services deems appropriate.

11 The bill directs the Division of Mental Health and Addiction
12 Services in DHS to oversee the development and maintenance of
13 the data dashboard report, and authorizes the commissioner to
14 solicit funds and accept contributions for the purpose of the
15 development and maintenance of the report.

16 The bill directs the division to convene a workgroup which will
17 include representatives from four organizations: the New Jersey
18 Hospital Association; the New Jersey Chapter of the American
19 College of Emergency Physicians; the Health Care Association of
20 New Jersey; and Leading Age New Jersey, and other stakeholders
21 as the division deems appropriate.

22 The workgroup will assist the division and DHS in: monitoring
23 the data reporting; defining all data elements; developing protocols
24 for data reporting; defining qualifications of the person who is
25 responsible to submit the data; monitoring facility compliance;
26 developing a "real-time" reporting mechanism; and any other area
27 of interest that the workgroup deems appropriate.

28 Each facility provided for in the bill is to submit to the data
29 dashboard report, no less than once a day, information advising of
30 the number of open beds that are available for the provision of
31 mental health or substance use disorder services.

32 Based on that daily information, the data dashboard report will
33 include, by county: the address and telephone number of the
34 facility; the type of services provided by the facility and its licensed
35 bed capacity; and the number of open beds that are available for the
36 provision of mental health or substance use disorder services on that
37 day.